





## Sixth General Hospital

"The action of the Massachusetts General Hospital in giving to the Army Base Hospital No. 6 is the best answer to the place of civil hospitals in our scheme of medical preparedness to meet a national emergency."

The speaker of these words was Major General Merritte W. Ireland, the Surgeon General of the United States Army. The time was October 18, 1921. The occasion was the Centennial of the opening of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

### *Retrospect*

The history of military medicine and surgery in the United States is as long and as honorable as that of the nation itself. The words of General Ireland, quoted above, indicate in the briefest possible form the contribution of the Massachusetts General Hospital to that history.

The spring of 1917 found our country, even as today, entering upon a great war, the outcome of which was in the balance. Within three months of the declaration of April 6th, which initiated hostilities against Germany, the Massachusetts General Hospital placed in active service 26 officers, one chaplain, 64 nurses, six civilian secretaries,

and one dietitian: around this nucleus was formed Base Hospital No. 6. When, in 1919, a grateful Government awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to the original Commanding Officer, Colonel Frederic A. Washburn, M. C., it paid tribute to a man whose abilities as a constructive organizer and as a resourceful administrator laid the foundation for the success which the unit attained during its active career.

### *Interim*

The spring of 1940 found the United States again confronted with the likelihood of involvement in a recurrent European war. That the thought behind General Ireland's words of 1921 had not been lost sight of by the War Department was attested by an invitation to the Massachusetts General Hospital from the Surgeon General to accept the task of organizing, from its Staff, a unit to be known as the 6th General Hospital. This, in the event of war, was to be prepared to accept military service at the call of the Government and to carry on the tradition of its distinguished predecessor, Base Hospital No. 6, in support of our armed forces.

### KEY TO FRONTISPICE

FIRST ROW, left to right: Major James A. Halsted, Major James H. Townsend, Major Langdon Parsons, Major Edward F. Bland, Colonel Thomas R. Goethals, Lt. Col. Donald S. King, Major John H. Talbott, Major William T. S. Thorndike, Major Sylvester B. Kelley.

SECOND ROW: Major Marshall K. Bartlett, Major Grantley W. Taylor, Major Henry H. Faxon, Major Charles R. Short, Major Trygve Gundersen, Major Garrett L. Sullivan, Capt. Howard I. Suby, Major Alfred Kranes.

THIRD ROW: Major Jackson M. Thomas, Capt. Otto E. Aufranc, Capt. Oscar S. Staples, Capt. Somers H. Sturgis, Capt. Francis H. Chafee, Capt. Richard J. Clark, Capt Lowrey F. Davenport, Capt. Otto D. Sahler.

FOURTH ROW: Capt. John R. Graham, Capt. Daniel C. Dawes, Capt. T. Stewart Hamilton, Capt. John R. Frazee, Capt. Alfred O. Ludwig, Capt. J. Harold DeMers, Capt. Richard G. Whiting, Capt. John W. Zeller, Capt. Hermann B. Seyfarth.

BACK ROW: Major Edward G. Thorp, Chaplain William Arnold, Capt. Daniel J. Holland, 1st Lt. Stanley Wyman, 1st Lt. William C. Burrage, 1st Lt. John B. McKittrick, 1st Lt. Calvin R. Coggins, 1st Lt. Marlow B. Harrison, 1st Lt. Knowles B. Lawrence, 1st Lt. Sedgwick Mead, 1st Lt. Robert M. Bailey, Capt. Spiros P. Sarris.

NOT PRESENT: Lt. Col. Horatio Rogers, Major James R. Lingley, Major Robert G. Rae, Capt. Henry L. Heyl, Capt. Theodore H. Ingalls, Capt. Eugene R. Sullivan, Capt. Howard E. Ulfelder, Capt. Claude E. Welch, 1st Lt. Edward L. Cantlon, 1st Lt. Daniel S. Ellis, 1st Lt. Claud E. McGahey.

The reply of the Trustees and Staff to this invitation was prompt and affirmative, and the enrollment of personnel was started more than eighteen months before the episode of Pearl Harbor.

### *Organization*

An affiliated general hospital in the United States Army calls for 73 officers, 120 nurses, 500 enlisted men and 10 civilian employees. The specific task of the sponsoring institution is to provide, if possible, a complete professional staff of 55 officers, 120 nurses, and 10 civilians. The 18 officers required for the administrative service will, for the most part, be assigned by the War Department to the unit upon activation, although a limited number of officers are authorized for procurement by the parent hospital. The enlisted personnel will also, for the most part, be assigned when the unit is activated. However, authorization has recently been granted to secure the enrollment of certain qualified civilian technicians and specialists in the Enlisted Reserve Corps for eventual assignment.

The response of the Hospital to the task before it was immediate. Lt. Col. Thomas R. Goethals, Med-Res., was nominated as Unit Director, and confirmed as such by the War Department in early July. Even before this, however, a start had been made to procure officers and nurses. While superficially it might seem that enrollment of 55 officers and 120 nurses, (the civilian employees were not authorized until recently) from an institution as large as the Massachusetts General Hospital would be an easy matter to accomplish, this was not quite the case. Several members of the Staff who had served with Base Hospital No. 6 offered themselves for the new unit, but were debarred from consideration because of the importance of their services to the parent institution. Commissions in the higher grades called for professional qualifications which are attained, as a rule, only with age and experience. This resulted, in several instances, in loss to the

unit of valuable men who were originally accepted but who were refused for commissions because of their failure to meet the rigid physical standards demanded by the War Department. The enrollment of nurses, carried on with the able cooperation of Miss Sally Johnson, Superintendent of the Training School, was similarly beset with pitfalls presented from time to time by questions of age, physical disqualification, or marriage.

By July 1, 1941, 43 officers had been enrolled for the professional service. On this date Lt. Col. Horatio Rogers relieved Col. Goethals as acting Unit Director when the latter was assigned to extended active duty. Four months later Lt. Col. Donald S. King succeeded to the acting directorship when Col. Rogers was ordered to the Stark General Hospital, and has completed the task of organization to date.

### *Assignment of Nurses*

The entire quota of 120 nurses for the 6th General Hospital has been enrolled. This work, started by Miss Johnson, has been completed under the direction of 1st Lt. Doris Knights, A.N.C., a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training School and Principal Chief Nurse, designate, of the 6th General Hospital.

### *Civilian Employees*

During March, 1942, authorization was extended by the War Department to enroll four physiotherapists, four dietitians, and two dental hygienists. Work was started on this problem at once, and has resulted in applications for enrollment of four physiotherapist, two dietitians, and both of the authorized dental hygienists.

### *Enlisted Men*

While the enlisted personnel for affiliated units will be largely supplied by the War Department on activation, permission was received in February, 1942, to enlist, through the First Corps Area, such technicians and specialists as may seem desirable for assignment to the unit when activated. Such enrollees will be kept in a reserve status until six months after enlistment unless

the hospital be activated within that period. Prior to activation 71 were enlisted.

### *Training of Personnel*

Under the policy of the War Department with respect to affiliated units it is manifestly impossible to undertake unit training as such prior to activation. A training program for officers, however, consisting of lectures, conferences and motion pictures has been given for the past two winters on the basis of voluntary attendance.

In addition, the following officers have accepted active duty:

1. Col. Goethals, Office of the Surgeon, First Army, July 1, 1941 to March 5, 1942: Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., March 6, 1942 to date.
2. Lt. Col. Rogers, Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., November 1, 1942 to date.
3. Lt. Col. King, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., November 30 to December 27, 1941.

4. Major Townsend, Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., November 30 to December 27, 1941: Lovell General Hospital, Fort Devens, Mass., January 9, 1942 to date.

5. Major Lingley, Stark General Hospital, Charleston, S. C., January 17, 1942 to date.

6. Major Talbott, 1st. Medical Battalion, 1st. Division, October 12 to November 9, 1941.

7. Capt. Dawes, Walter Reed General Hospital, November 1 to 28, 1941.

8. Lt. Burrage, Lovell General Hospital Fort Devens, Mass., July 1, 1941 to date.

### *Prospect*

The 6th General Hospital was ordered into active military service at Camp Blanding, Florida, on May 15, 1942. Whether its fate is to lie in the Far East, Alaska, South America or Africa cannot be foretold. One prediction, however, may be made: it will follow the noble tradition of service to the Nation laid down by its predecessor, Base Hospital No. 6.

## ROSTERS OF OFFICERS

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Contemplated Assignment</i>
Col. Thomas R. Goethals, M. C.	Commanding
Maj. William T. S. Thorndike, Med-Res.	Registrar
Capt. T. Stewart Hamilton, Med-Res.	Adjutant
1st. Lt. William Arnold, Ch-Res.	Chaplain

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

#### *Medical*

Lt. Col. Donald S. King, Med-Res.	Chief of Service
Maj. Edward F. Bland, Med-Res.	Assistant Chief of Service
Maj. James A. Halsted, Med-Res.	Gastroenterology Section
Maj. Alfred Krane, Med-Res.	Cardiovascular Section
Maj. Charles L. Short, Med-Res.	General Medical Section
Maj. Jackson M. Thomas, Med-Res.	Neuropsychiatric Section
Maj. Edward G. Thorp, Med-Res.	Officers' Section
Maj. James H. Townsend, M. C.	Communicable Disease Section
Capt. Francis H. Chafee, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Allergy
Capt. Richard J. Clark, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Metabolism
Capt. Lowrey F. Davenport, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Tuberculosis
Capt. Daniel C. Dawes, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Neuropsychiatric
Capt. John R. Graham, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Gastroenterology
Capt. Theodore H. Ingalls, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Contagious
Capt. Alfred O. Ludwig, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Neurology
Capt. Richard Whiting, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Dermatology
Capt. John W. Zeller, Med-Res.	Ward Officer—Cardiology
1st. Lt. William C. Burrage, M. C.	Assistant Ward Officer
1st. Lt. Daniel S. Ellis, Med-Res.	Assistant Ward Officer
1st. Lt. Marlow B. Harrison, Med-Res.	Assistant Ward Officer

#### *Surgical*

Lt. Col. Horatio Rogers, M. C.	Chief of Service
Maj. Grantley W. Taylor, Med-Res.	Assistant Chief of Service

Maj. Marshall K. Bartlett, Med-Res.	Septic Surgery Section
Maj. Henry H. Faxon, Med-Res.	Orthopedic Section
Maj. Trygve Gundersen, Med-Res.	Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section
Maj. Sylvester B. Kelley, Med-Res.	Urologic Section
Maj. Langdon Parsons, Med-Res.	General Surgical Section
Capt. Otto E. Aufranc, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Orthopedics
Capt. John R. Frazee, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Otolaryngology
Capt. Henry L. Heyl, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Neurosurgery
Capt. Spiros P. Sarris, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Anesthesia
Capt. Oscar S. Staples, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Orthopedics
Capt. Somers H. Sturgis, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Maxillofacial
Capt. Howard I. Suby, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Urologic
Capt. Garrett L. Sullivan, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Ophthalmology
Capt. Howard Ulfelder, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, Thoracoplastics
Capt. Claude E. Welch, Med-Res.	Ward Officer, General Surgery
1st. Lt. Edwin L. Cantlon, Med-Res.	Assistant Ward Officer
1st. Lt. Knowles B. Lawrence, Med-Res.	Assistant Ward Officer
1st. Lt. Claud E. McGahey, Med. Res.	Assistant Ward Officer
1st. Lt. John B. McKittrick, Med-Res.	Assistant Ward Officer

*Dental*

Maj. Robert G. Rae, Dent-Res.	Chief of Service
Capt. J. Harold DeMers, Dent-Res.	Oral Surgeon
Capt. Daniel J. Holland, Dent-Res.	Oral Surgeon
Capt. Hermann B. F. Seyfarth, Dent-Res.	Prosthetist
1st. Lt. Calvin R. Coggins, Dent-Res.	Prosthetist
1st. Lt. Robert M. Bailey, Dent-Res.	General Operator
1st. Lt. Frederick K. Poulin, Dent-Res.	General Operator

*X-Ray*

Maj. James R. Lingley, M. C.	Chief of Service
Capt. Otto D. Sahler, Med-Res.	Assistant
1st. Lt. Stanley M. Wyman, Med.Res.	Assistant

*Laboratory*

Maj. John H. Talbott, Med-Res.	Chief of Service
Capt. Eugene R. Sullivan, Med-Res.	Assistant
1st. Lt. Sedgwick Mead, Med-Res.	Assistant

**HAIL AND FAREWELL**

Of other times and other men I will not speak.  
 The days upon us now are troublous ones.  
 Not for the weak shall be the guerdon  
 which we prize.  
 Men of stature, men heroic in their breed  
 and size  
 Alone can turn the tide from ebb to flow.  
 You who are chosen, you must go,  
 To finish what with hapless hands we  
 started,  
 To gather up the strands,  
 To reap the corn which fell on sterile  
 ground,  
 To loose the writhing snakes of hate in  
 which we're bound,  
 And crush the anti-Christ who stalks  
 abroad;  
 So that again before it is too late,  
 Man can inherit his estate,  
 And walk upon his acres with his God,  
 And cherish once again His Staff and Rod.  
 These are your tasks.  
 Ours the easier one, easier, but still more  
 hard.  
 It is no choice of ours,  
 That beating heart cannot retard Time's  
 flight  
 Yours is the might.  
 We bid you: Render not to Caesar what is  
 God's,  
 But wield with skill your Aesculapian Rods.  
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 CARL BINGER, '14.

# Presentation of National Colors to General Hospital No. 6, United States Army, by Veteran Base Hospital No. 6 at the Massachusetts General Hospital May 4, 1942

Members of General Hospital 6, Ex-members of Base Hospital 6, Friends of the M. G. H., Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is a solemn and significant occasion for us: once more this old Hospital is sending out an organized military unit to care for sick and wounded American soldiers and sailors in time of war.

Twenty-five years ago Base Hospital 6 went overseas from here for the same purpose, and I think performed its task creditably and well. Twenty-five years ago American soldiers and sailors fought magnificently and were undoubtedly the determining factor in gaining the victory. Yet now another generation is facing a crisis far more acute and far more dangerous than the one our generation faced.

Our generation won the war but failed after the peace. We failed because our nation as a whole washed its hands of European affairs and retired into isolationism, refusing to bear its share of the burden of maintaining peace and justice in a troubled world.

I sincerely hope that this will be the last occasion for organizing a military unit from this hospital for war. But the war is now upon us and must be won and won by your generation. No sacrifice can be too great for this purpose.

We elders can do little now, but want to help in any way we can.

You must do better than we did. First and foremost you must win this war and then afterwards you must not relax, but continue your energies to see that the principles for which you fought are maintained thereafter throughout the world. War is like epidemic disease and vigilant prevention is the only hope of peace and security.

We wish you Godspeed in your great

adventure, and none can better express our wishes and hopes than our old respected and admired C. O. Col. Frederic A. Washburn.

LINCOLN DAVIS, '98.

"War is hell!" So spake the great soldier William Tecumseh Sherman, grandfather of an officer on your staff. True—and this war is more hellish than previous ones. There are reasons for this: First, the advent of the aeroplane with its destruction of the lives and homes of civilians, with special damage done when it is in the hands of ruthless men, as in the bombardment of Rotterdam, Belgrade, Warsaw and Coventry. Second, the government of Germany is by a group of men who have discarded religion, have persecuted, tortured and killed Jews and all who oppose them. They treat their young people as breeders of cannon fodder; they have raised a fanatical generation ready to die for their Fuehrer. The Italians are but tools of the Germans.

Third, we have been attacked suddenly and treacherously by the Japanese, whose military strength we had sadly underestimated. Their humiliation of white captives, their killings and rapings are as bad as anything recorded in history.

War is indeed "hell." But look at the fate of the once-proud Frenchmen, the highly-civilized, fine peoples of Holland, Denmark and Norway. Their property confiscated, they starve that the Germans may eat. They work for them as slaves. That is worse than war; that would be our fate, if we are beaten in this war. We will win.

Your part in this war is one of mercy. You go to care for the sick and wounded,

to lessen suffering. You are parting from your loved ones, many of you are making large financial sacrifices. You are running the risk of life and limb, for the high purpose of preserving liberty and that we may continue to stand erect and unafraid in the presence of any man or nation. All honor to you!

There is a pleasanter side to the picture. Campaigning is mighty interesting. While you are establishing your hospital in some foreign country there is likely to be a long period when there isn't enough to keep you busy. Sightseeing, and getting acquainted with the natives will be more or less fun, depending upon where you are. The friendships you form in your unit will last through life. They alone are worth the sacrifices you make. When your hospital starts to operate and your real work begins, the satisfaction of doing it well is very great. There will be many trying things, inconveniences, perhaps dangers. All these shared with fellow members of your unit, cement your friendships and when conquered increase your pride in your hospital.

The men and women among you will develop far more rapidly than, they would at home. They have grave responsibilities earlier; they learn to conquer their fears and to carry on despite all difficulties. They will become the leaders of their generation when the war is over. Dr. Henry P. Walcott told me that this was true in the Civil War; he predicted that it would be so after the last war. His prediction proved right. If you doubt it, look about you! I echo his prediction to your unit now.

You go under the aegis and with the blessing of a renowned hospital—one of the great hospitals of the world. Wherever you go you will meet doctors and nurses who have received their training here. It was so in the last war, and will be so in this one.

Your destination is unknown to the speaker, and I think to you. You may build your hospitals of bamboo and nipa in the Indies or Philippines. Coffee sheds may serve as nuclei of a hospital in South

America or the West Indies. In Britain or Continental Europe palaces, hotels, schools, houses or other buildings may be used. Whatever buildings serve as a base, many wards will probably be built about them. Base Hospital No. 6, organized as a 500-bed hospital, had over 4300 patients on Armistice Day. As your organization is planned for a 1000-bed hospital, perhaps you will have twice as many patients, namely 8600. Some handful—as Mr. Churchill would say.

May I interrupt the continuity of this, if it has any, to tell you a story? On the fourth of July in 1918, Piccadilly was red, white and blue with American flags. Exercises appropriate to the day were held in a hall near Westminster Abbey. The audience was largely American. Admiral Sims spoke first and was given the privilege of making the first public announcement that the danger of submarine attacks on allied shipping had been largely overcome. Then Winston Churchill spoke—the best speech I have ever heard. I remember this statement he made. "One hundred and forty years ago your country and mine had a difference of opinion. We were led by a Boche king; you, by an English gentleman. The result was what one might expect!"

What about a word of advice! Although not an Army man, the speaker has served with troops on three different occasions—a total of some six to seven years. So perhaps to this audience I may make suggestions:—

1. Don't grouse. This word is a synonym of "belly-ache."

2. Don't criticize your Commanding Officer, or the President of the United States, or anyone else. Maybe the poor chaps are doing their best! Maybe you don't know the whole story.

3. Don't hold yourself aloof as a group, but become a part of the Army. Learn its ways, the respect and courtesies paid to superior officers, the consideration due to those below you in rank. A good officer thinks of his men first. He sees that they are properly housed, clothed and fed, that

they have their periods of relaxation. He shares their dangers and their privations. He is friendly but not familiar. He preserves discipline. A lack of discipline is no kindness. Some will take advantage of such laxity and go on to crime which would have been prevented by a firmer hand over them.

4. In the last war there was a large sign just outside certain British rest camps in Flanders. It read as follows:

A wise old owl lived in an oak,  
The more he saw, the less he spoke;  
The less he spoke, the more he heard.  
Now, wasn't that a wise old bird?

On the 9th of June, 1919, in this room, the Trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital gave a reception to those of its people who had served in the War. Dr. Henry P. Walcott, President of the Corporation, presided. He called upon the Commanding Officer of Base Hospital No. 6, and upon Colonel Balch, Commanding Officer of Base Hospital No. 55. These officers, in a few words, presented their colors to the Hospital. The national flag of Base Hos-

pital No. 6 had been given by Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, that generous lady who was so good a friend of the Hospital. The Red Cross flag had been given to the unit by the Metropolitan Chapter of the Red Cross. The flag of Base Hospital No. 55, Colonel Balch told us, had been purchased by the nurses of the unit. The flags of Base Hospital No. 6 stood for twenty months in the hall of the administration building of the hospital in Talence, Bordeaux, France. Dr. Walcott received these flags in the name of the Massachusetts General Hospital, and promised to preserve them. They have stood in the Treadwell Library for 23 years now.

Colonel Goethals: The enlisted men, the nurses, the officers of veteran Base Hospital No. 6, with many small contributions have purchased this flag. They desire that I should, in their name, present it to General Hospital No. 6. I now so do. May your hospital carry it in honor, and in God's good time bring it back in triumph to stand in this hospital with its honored predecessors.

FREDERIC A. WASHBURN, '96.

## List of Hospital Internships, Class of 1942

Name	Hospital	Service	Dates
August, S.	Beth Israel—New York	Rotating	July '42-June '44
Averill, C.	Boston City	I Surgical	July '42-Sept. '43
Ayers, W. B.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Baird, R. W., Jr.	Boston City	IV Medical	July '42-July '43
Baker, D. V., Jr.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	April '42-April '43
Baker, W. J.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Bayrd, E. D.	St. Luke's—Chicago	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Beck, J. J.	San Francisco	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Bellinger, M. J.	Boston City	II Surgical	Nov. '42-Jan. '44
Bigelow, F. S.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Blodgett, J. T.	Worcester City	Rotating	June '42-June '43
Blute, J. F., Jr.	Boston City	III Medical	July '42-July '43
Bondy, P. K.	Peter Bent Brigham	Medical	July '42-July '43
Bornstein, J.	Beth Israel—Boston	Medical	Nov. '42-Nov. '43
Bradbury, F. W.	Charity—New Orleans	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Bransford, P. W.	U. S. Naval Hospital—Philadelphia	Rotating	July '42-Jan '44
Brewster, W. B., Jr.	Hartford	Rotating	July '42-July '44
Callow, A. D.	Boston City	II Surgical	March '42-May '43
Cameron, J. M.	Geisinger Memorial—Danville, Pa.	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Case, C. T.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Cattell, J. P.	Boston City	III Medical	July '42-July '43
Chambers, J. S., Jr.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Jan. '43-March '44

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Chrisman, O. D.	Boston City	III Surgical	May '42-July '43
Christensen, W. R.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Clarke, B. G.	Massachusetts General	Medical	April '42-April '43
Cobb, C. A., Jr.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Dec. '42-Feb. '44
Cobb, S.	Johns Hopkins	Medical	July '42-Apr. '43
Conger, A. B., Jr.	Charity—New Orleans	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Cook, H. H.	Charity—New Orleans	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Costin, M. E.	Mary Hitchcock Mem.—Hanover, N. H.	Rotating	Jan. '43-June '45
Creese, P. G.	Boston City	Surgical IV	Apr. '42-May '43
Dillard, P. H.	Boston City	IV Surgical	Nov. '42-Jan. '44
Donald, W. G., Jr.	San Francisco	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Dove, D.	Baltimore City	Medical	July '42-July '43
Drake, E. T.	Gorgas Memorial—Ancon, C. Z.	Medical	July '42-July '43
Draper, A. J., Jr.	Univ. of Virginia	Medical	July '42-July '43
Duncan, T. L.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Apr. '42-July '43
Dutoit, C. H.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Eckel, R. E.	University Hospitals—Cleveland	Medical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Eder, H. A.	Peter Bent Brigham	Medical	July '42-July '43
Erler, T. G., Jr.	San Francisco Hospital (Stanford)	Rotating	June '42-June '43
Evert, J. A., Jr.	Philadelphia General	Rotating	July '42-July '44
Farmer, D. A.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43
Farr, H. W.	Bellevue—N. Y. C.	IV Surgical	Jan. '43-Dec. '43
	Boston City	Pathology	Sept. '42-Dec. '42
Farrell, J. J.	St. Joseph's—Lexington, Ky.	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Fawcett, D. W.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	July '42-July '43
Fellows, N. M.	Hartford	Rotating	June '42-June '44
Fox, R. McL.	Henry Ford—Detroit	Rotating	July '42-June '43
Gage, R. W.	Pennsylvania	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Gentry, R. W.	Massachusetts General	Surgery	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Golden, A.	Grady—Atlanta, Ga.	Medical	July '42-July '43
Gray, D. R., Jr.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Nov. '42-Jan. '44
Greene, R. W.	Newark City	Rotating	July '42-July '44
Haase, F., Jr.	Children's—Boston	Medical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43
Hall, W. K.	U. S. Navy	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Herrera, R. E.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Higgins, G. A., Jr.	Boston City	II Surgical	July '42-Sept. '43
Hinkle, L. E., Jr.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Oct. '42-Dec. '43
Howe, C.	Peter Bent Brigham	Medical	July '42-July '43
Hutter, C. G., Jr.	Boston City	V Surgical	July '42-Sept. '43
Jordan, W. S.	Boston City	II Medical	July '42-July '43
Kavan, L. C.	Boston City	IV Surgical	May '42-July '43
Kelley, E. P.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	June '42-Aug. '43
Kirklin, J. W.	University of Pennsylvania	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Kreisle, J. E.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Kurzweg, F. T.	Charity—New Orleans	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Lahey, W. J.	Boston City	IV Medical	July '42-July '43
Lambert, E. C.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43
Lewis, H. D.	Beth Israel—Boston	Medical	Sept. '42-Sept. '43
Lewis, J. E., Jr.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Apr. '42-June '43
Leymaster, G. R.	Boston City	II Medical	July '42-July '43
Livingstone, R. G.	Boston City	II Surgical	Jan. '42-Mar. '43
Macgregor, C. A.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Feb. '43-Apr. '44
Mankin, H.	Queen's General—Jamaica, N. Y.	Rotating	July '42-July '43
McConahey, W. McC.	Philadelphia General	Rotating	July '42-July '44
McDermott, W. V.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43
McPherson, J. H. T.	Boston City	V Surgical	May '42-July '43
Mendeloff, A. I.	Peter Bent Brigham	Medical	July '42-July '43
Merrill, J. P.	Peter Bent Brigham	Medical	July '42-July '43
Miller, J. G.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43
Millet, J. B.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43

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Mixter, G., Jr.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	July '42-July '43
Mock, C. J.	Cook County—Chicago	Rotating	July '42-Dec '43
Moore, E. E.	Boston City	V Surgical	Sept. '42-Nov. '43
Morgan, H. R.	Univ. of California	Medical	July '42-July '43
Morse, C. W.	Roosevelt—N. Y. C.	Surgical	Jan. '43-Jan. '45
Nabseth, D. C.	Boston City	II Surgical	May '42-July '43
Neander, D. G.	Albany	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Newstedt, J. R.	Peter Bent Brigham	Surgical	Aug. '42-Oct. '43
Olson, R. O.	Boston City	III Surgical	Sept. '42-Nov. '43
O'Reilly, D. E.	Barnes—St. Louis	Surgical	July '42-July '43
Osborne, M. P.	Roosevelt—N. Y. C.	Surgical	Oct. '42-Sept. '44
Patterson, J. F., Jr.	Abington Memorial—Abington, Pa.	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Paul, O.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Apr. '42-Apr. '43
Perry, T. L., Jr.	Roosevelt—N. Y. C.	Medical	July '42-Mar. '44
Peters, J. H.	Massachusetts General	Medical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Pick, W.	Beth Israel—Boston	Medical	May '42-May '43
Porter, C. T.	Faulkner—Boston	Rotating	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Reagan, L. B.	Pennsylvania	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Richards, D. N., Jr.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	July '42-July '43
Richards, H. G.	Cincinnati General	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Riddell, R. V.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	Oct. '42-Oct. '43
Rigby, E. C.	Boston City	V Surgical	Nov. '42-Jan. '44
Robie, T. P.	Massachusetts General	Surgical	June '42-June '43
Robinson, H. S.	Presbyterian—Philadelphia	Rotating	July '42-June '44
Roddenberry, S. A.	Roosevelt—N. Y. C.	Surgical	July '42-June '44
Round, C. B.	Rhode Island	Rotating	Mar. '43-Mar. '45
Sachs, E., Jr.	Vanderbilt—Nashville, Tenn.	Surgical	July '42-July '43
Sack, T.	Beth Israel—Boston	Medical	Jan. '43-Jan. '44
Sainper, J. R.	Pennsylvania	Rotating	July '42-July '43
Schwab, J. M.	Boston City	III Surgical	Nov. '42-Jan. '44
Sheldon, A. J.	Johns Hopkins	Pediatrics	July '42-July '43
Shoukimas, J.	St. Francis—Hartford	Rotating	Aug. '42-July '43

# The Holmes Stamps

REGINALD FITZ, '09

"If my friends call, I shall receive them of course; indeed my house is always open but I do not expect that many people will come. I shall no doubt receive many letters and possibly a few expressions of what little esteem people have for me. But there will be no celebration. I do not want one. I will be eighty years old, that is all". Dr. O. W. Holmes, *The Boston Daily Globe*, Thursday, August 29th, 1889.

Thursday, August 29th, 1889 was an interesting day for many Bostonians of the Brahmin caste. If you were a man of affairs you liked the behavior of the Stock Market with the realization that business at last seemed permanently on the mend. If you were a tennis enthusiast you might be in Newport, yesterday having watched the final match for the amateur championship between young Q. A. Shaw, Jr., a sophomore in Harvard College, a likely looking youngster, slight, six feet tall, weighing only one hundred and fifty pounds, and Mr. H. W. Slocum, Jr.; and after having danced all night at Mrs. Leiter's, you might be anticipating, with a slight headache, the professional exhibition today between Tom Pettit of Longwood and George Kerr, the Irish contender. Or perhaps you might prefer baseball, in which case you could see Boston defeat New York, the Boston team bidding fair to head the League.

If you happened to be in the neighborhood of the College, you might be lucky enough to be selected as one of C. H. Tweed's crew on "Minerva" and take part in an exciting yacht race off Marblehead for the Weld Cup against some of your friends aboard A. Hemenway's "Chiquita." Or you might be of the chosen few and expected to get out your top-hat and frock coat to join the Special Train that was to leave the Boston and Maine Railroad Station to deliver guests at Manchester in time for the wedding of Miss Gertrude Sturgis and Mr. F. W. Hunnewell.

But if you lived on the North Shore, and especially if you were very young, you knew that today nothing else counted: today was

the 80th birthday of your friend Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Dr. Holmes spent his summers at Beverly Farms—at Beverly Farms-by-the-Depot as he liked to call it when his highfalutin' acquaintances began to add an ostentatious by-the-sea to plain old Manchester. His house was small and home-like, overlooking West Beach; a comfortable red house standing back from the road a little way, directly under what one grandiose reporter termed a great rugged mountain. When you look at it now, the mountain seems not a very large hill: but the place is there, with the ocean a short distance away, and an attractive lawn between the house and what used to be a narrow winding lane.

Everyone along the Shore admired the Professor. So that when his birthday came around each year, it grew to be the proper thing for old and young to pay their respects at some time during the day.

His eightieth birthday proved fine: cool enough in the early morning for a fire in the living room to take off the chill, warm enough at noon to be a serene late August day so beloved by all North Shore folk, and breezy enough off Marblehead in the afternoon to suit the most intrepid sailors.

The Professor, in spite of his statement to the *Globe*, had scarcely finished breakfast before presents began to arrive: telegrams, letters, wishing him, as he said, all sorts of impossible longevity, or fruit and flowers from his neighbors along the Shore, appearing all the finer, he remarked, for having the flavor of neighborly kindness, roses, chrysanthemums, almandas, water-lilies, dahlias, gloxinias, rhododendrons, in fact everything that grew in the well-kept gardens of families like the Havens, the Brimmers, the Winthrops, the Phillipses, or even in the greenhouse of the florist Mr. Larcom near Pride's Crossing, always a fragrant place to explore, filled as it was at all seasons with gaily blooming flowers and plants.

Presently a carefully wrapped-up package arrived which had to be opened. This proved to contain a large silver loving cup duly inscribed with lines from the Professor's poem "A Sentiment":

"The pledge of Friendship!

"I is the heart's current lends the cup its glow  
Whate'er the fountain whence the draught  
may flow".

It had been sent him by a group of eleven admiring ladies in honor of the occasion, and was a graceful cup well able to adorn any room. Later Dr. Holmes was to say of it that this was the most notable of all the many tributes which he received. Of course it had to be decorated immediately with a large cluster of Harvard-hued roses and placed in a conspicuous position on the mantelpiece.

All day long people in a friendly stream wound their way up the Professor's avenue and poured into his house, coming to pay a brief call or bringing simple gifts to make him realize how much they liked and respected him, and how much nicer it was to be eighty years young instead of eighty years old.

The children on the Shore knew the Professor affectionately. He was the kind of man whom made any child realize that the difference between eighty and eight was nothing if you took the zero off the larger figure; and he well understood how their minds worked. He could be relied on to be properly surprised and intimidated at dusk by Jack O'Lanterns manufactured from pumpkins; and there always was at hand in his study when one called, a paper lily growing in a flowerpot filled with peppermints which never failed to encourage long and intimate conversation. He could think of all manner of interesting things to say and do: for instance, for many years Mr. Dow who kept the Livery Stable in Beverly Farms was instructed on a certain day each summer to fill up his barge with small boys in order to drive them to Gloucester and back to watch Mr. Barnum's circus, at the same time seeing to it that each member of the party had as many peanuts as he could eat on the trip

—and surely no one but Dr. Holmes would ever trouble to arrange a jamboree so essential to the happy observance of summer holidays as this. He was always courteous and seemed interested, too, in what young people were doing, apparently believing that it was just as important to observe the amenities in dealing with the very young as in dealing with anyone else.

So naturally enough at about ten o'clock in the morning a group of about twenty Beverly Farms children marched up the Professor's avenue as precisely as they could. The girls all wore white dresses, the boys were spruced up in their Sunday best and both girls and boys carried sprays of flowers. The Professor met the delegation with appropriate formality. Each child said, "I wish you a happy birthday Dr. Holmes." He shook hands with each one gravely, received their bouquets and seemed especially pleased with the last and littlest youngster who handed him a fine bunch of hydrangeas.

Having suffered the acute embarrassment of being compelled actually to shake hands with their friend on such an occasion the children were led away to recuperate in the little summer-house on the lawn. And here came the big surprise of the day: for though it was still early in the morning each child was given a large helping of ice cream and cake, and then, *mirabile dictu*, a little box of candy.

These boxes have been variously described: one guest says they were round, another that they were square, and a third, that whatever their shape, they were tied with a pink ribbon. All agree, however, that they were ornamental to look at, that they contained chocolate candies and that these made excellent eating even though crowded in before lunch on top of breakfast, and a generous helping of ice cream and a slice of cake\*.

From the viewpoint of philately these

\*If the cake given out to the children was part of the Professor's birthday cake, this was worth seeing—a huge frosted cake designed by Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Jr. with a replica of the Nautilus on top.



### THE HOLMES STAMPS

This photograph has magnified the stamps x 1.5. The original stamps from which this photograph was made were deposited in the Harvard Medical School Library by Mrs. Samuel Hammond.

boxes are particularly significant. For each box was duly stamped with an Oliver Wendell Holmes stamp. These stamps have a good deal of character to them. They are of three varieties, each slightly smaller than today's ordinary one-cent postage stamp. They have perforated edges, look extremely official, are gummed on the back, and in front show different views of the Professor looking fully as much at home on the face of a stamp as George Washington or anyone else. So far as I know these are the only stamps ever made for the edification of youthful admirers by a member of the Harvard Faculty.

There is no record of how large an issue of these stamps was printed. It appears, however, that the stamps were not circulated at any other date than August 29th, 1889 and on that occasion in very limited numbers. Therefore, these stamps are uncommonly rare and are not generally known by even the most meticulous collectors.

At a meeting of the Faculty of Medicine on October 4th, 1940, Dr. Frederic

T. Lewis\* announced that there had been recently presented to the Department of Anatomy the loving cup which had been given to Dr. Holmes on his eightieth birthday by the eleven admiring ladies aforementioned. Dr. Lewis exhibited the cup and remarked that here truly was a remarkable gift for a professor of anatomy in the Harvard Medical School to receive. To my mind, the Holmes stamps, also, are something of a curiosity in the medical line. Personally, I am glad that they have come to life to remind Harvard stamp-lovers of their existence and to recall the Holmes eightieth birthday celebration and what an unusual demonstration of friendliness it was: above all, perhaps to encourage reflection in times like these on a question concerning the cheerful aspects of growing old which the Professor himself propounded many years ago:

"For what have years to bring,  
But larger floods of love and light  
And sweeter songs to sing?"

\*For an account of this episode see Harvard Medical Alumni Bulletin 15:39 (Jan.) 1941.

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## EDITORIAL

## BENJAMIN WATERHOUSE

As a supplement to this number of the *BULLETIN*, is published for the first time the manuscript of a paper especially significant to all Harvard Medical Alumni. In May 1783, Dr. Waterhouse wrote this paper for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Permission for its publication has now been granted by that honorable and reverend body. The peculiar interest of this short article lies in the fact that, so far as known, it is the first paper ever presented by a member of the Harvard Medical Faculty before any body of scientists. Thus it is the corner stone upon which have been superimposed that vast array of medical books and articles which have been written by graduates of our School.

Smile, if you like, at the peculiarities of spelling and punctuation which Dr. Wa-

terhouse affected. He was never one to be bound by convention. But remember, when you write your book, or your monograph, or your paper describing something new and curious in the medical line, that you owe much to him. You merely are obeying the precept which he established for all of the graduates of our School to follow: "I appeal to every practitioner who has, like me, anxiously turned over the observations of others in hopes of finding something to guide him in the case which puzzles him, to commit to writing the observations which they make in order that an exact account of hitherto inexplicable disorders may be transmitted to our successors."

## ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Association will take place on Wednesday, June 10th, 6:30 P.M., at Hotel Claridge, Atlantic City, during the Annual Session of the American Medical Association. President Warren Draper will preside. Dr. Walter B. Cannon and Dr. Edward L. Bortz will be speakers. Dr. Lahey will speak if his numerous duties in connection with the American Medical Association will permit.

Notices will not be sent this year to Alumni in order to conserve expenses. Tickets for the dinner will be sold at our booth at Convention Headquarters. The price of the dinner will be \$3.50 (internes who are graduates of the School will be welcome at a reduced rate). Reservation for classes to sit together may be made there. Attendance at our meetings has been large in recent years. It is an excellent chance to meet old friends and classmates. An enjoyable evening is assured all Alumni who attend.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION

In pursuance of our plans to broaden the base of the Association and to make it as widely representative as possible, the following change in the Constitution, providing for election of councillors by ballot, will be put to a vote at the Annual Meeting on June 10th. The proposal calls for a change in Article V, Section 2, which will read as follows:

Three members of the Council shall be elected annually as follows, to hold office for three years and to fill the places of those whose term of office shall have expired.

There shall be a committee, to consist of five active members, to be appointed by the president of the Association in October of each year. This committee shall submit to the secretary of the Association before the first of each January the names of at least six active members of the Association who shall be eligible for election to the Council. Three of these nominees shall reside in New England.

The names of the candidates so nominated shall be printed on an official ballot. There shall be added on the ballot, following the name of each candidate, his residence and the year of his graduation from the Harvard Medical School, or, if he is not a graduate of the Harvard Medical School, the name of the medical school from which he graduated and the year in which he completed at least one year's work at the Harvard Medical School.

The names of the candidates so nominated shall be placed upon the official ballot in chronological order, according to the year in which the medical degree of each candidate was received. A square of sufficient size to contain a cross mark ("X") shall be printed on the right of the line containing the name of each candidate. Upon the face of the ballot, there shall be a statement of the number of councillors to be elected, a note to the effect that each is to be elected for a term of three years, and such further information or instruction to the voter as may be judged necessary.

The secretary of the Association shall, on or before the first of April in each year, mail to each member of the Harvard Medical Alumni Association this official ballot. Each member of the Association may prepare his ballot, sign the same with his name, and mail or deliver the ballot so prepared to the secretary of the Association at the address designated by him on the ballot or the instruction, if any, sent therewith.

Ballots so prepared and signed, and received by the secretary of the Association prior to twelve

o'clock noon on the Friday preceding the annual meeting of the Association shall be counted for the election of three members of the Council for the ensuing three years. None but official ballots shall be received or counted. Ballots shall be counted and cast only for those candidates against whose names crosses have been marked. If more names are duly marked in the manner required than there are councillors to be elected, the entire ballot shall be set aside and not counted.

The nominee residing in New England who receives the highest vote and the two other nominees receiving the highest votes shall be elected members of the Council for the ensuing three years, and their names and the number of votes that they received shall be announced at the annual meeting of the Association.

## MEDICAL SCHOOL NOTES

Our records show that nearly 400 alumni have joined the armed forces.

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Two important appointments at the Medical School, effective July 1, have been announced by the University. Dr. George W. Thorn has been appointed Hersey Professor of the Theory and Practice of Physic and Physician-in-chief of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to succeed the late Dr. Soma-Weiss. Dr. Rene Jules Dubos has been appointed George Fabyan Professor of Comparative Pathology and Professor of Tropical Medicine to succeed Dr. Ernest E. Tyzzer who becomes Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Thorn is now Associate Professor of Medicine at John Hopkins University. He will assume his position at Harvard at the age of only thirty-six years. He is a graduate of the University of Buffalo School of Medicine. He has done research at the Harvard Medical School and was an Assistant Professor of Physiology at Ohio State University. His particular contributions to medicine have been in the endocrine field, especially the function of the adrenal glands, work in which he has collaborated with Prof. Frank A. Hartman of Ohio State University.

Dr. Dubos was born in France forty-one years ago, coming to this country in 1924.



